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SUBJ: ETHIOPIA CONDEMNS SOUTH AFRICAN INCURSION INTO
ANGOLA AND REITERATES CONDEMNATION OF WESTERN PROPOSALS
ON NAMIBIA

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1943; ADDIS ABABA 1844

SUMMARY: UPON RETURN FROM UN SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA,
MAY 7, ETHIOPIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) PERM-
SEC MAJOR DAWIT WOLDE-GHIORGIS AGAIN CLAIMED WESTERN PRO-
POSALS WERE ANTI-SWAPO, ANTI-NAMIBIA INDEPENDENCE, AND
CHARACTERIZED INCURSION OF "FASCIST" SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES
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INTO ANGOLA AS "THREAT TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN THAT RE-
GION AND WHOLE OF AFRICA." DAWIT ALSO CLAIMED SOCIALIST
ETHIOPIA VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED CONSPIRACY OF INTERNA-
TIONAL IMPERIALISM TO ABORT NAMIBIA'S INDEPENDENCE.
THROUGHOUT PRESS INTERVIEW, DAWIT TOOK A "MORE RADI-
CAL-THAN-THOU" POSITION VIS-A-VIS SWAPO AND ITS
STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE, STRIKINGLY SIMILAR TO

SOVIET RHETORIC AND IRRESPECTIVE OF SWAPO'S APPARENTLY CAUTIOUS REACTION TO SOUTH AFRICA'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE WESTERN PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY.

1. MOFA PERMSEC DAWIT GAVE STRONG STATEMENT TO PRESS MAY 7, ONCE AGAIN ALLEGING WESTERN PROPOSALS ON NAMIBIA WERE CONSPIRACY TO UNDERMINE SWAPO AND SUBVERT NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE. HE ALLEGED "IMPERIALISTS" WISHED TO DISARM SWAPO AND INSURE THE PERMANENT PRESENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS. WESTERN PLAN WAS ALSO DESIGNED TO RETAIN PERMANENT CONTROL OF STRATEGIC WALVIS BAY PORT AND TURN IT INTO AN IMPERIALIST BASE. THUSLY, DAWIT ASSERTED, "NATO-SPEARHEADED WESTERN MILITARY POWER BLOCK WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO ARREST REVOLUTIONARY TIDE IN NAMIBIA AND DEFUSE MOMENTUM OF FREEDOM STRUGGLE ELSEWHERE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA."

2. DAWIT NOTED ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION TO UN MEETING ALSO USED OCCASION TO "EXPOSE (WESTERN) CONSPIRACY BEING WEAVED AGAINST ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION." DAWIT ALSO MIRRORED PREVIOUS "ETHIOPIAN HERALD" EDITORIAL IN CONDEMNING SOUTH AFRICAN INCURSION INTO ANGOLA. "TASS" REPORT IN MAY 9 NEWSPAPER ACCUSED US OF COMPLICITY WITH SOUTH AFRICA IN RAID ON ANGOLA AND ALSO AS LEADER OF WESTERN ATTEMPTS TO PROLONG RACIST OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA. "TASS" ARTICLE NOT UNCONFIDENTIAL

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SURPRISINGLY ALLEGED THAT NAMIBIA LOOMED LARGE IN STRATEGIC PLANS OF PENTAGON AND CIA. ARTICLE EVEN NOTED STATE DEPARTMENT CONDEMNATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN INVASION, BUT SAID IT WAS "HYPOCRITICAL" AND "ONLY DESIGNED TO DISGUISE WEST'S COMPLICITY AND CONNIVANCE WITH THE PRETORIA RACISTS."
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